



IFW

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
Jeffrey M. Gross et al.) Before the Examiner
Serial No.: 10/669,764) Bruce E. Snow
Filed: September 24, 2003) Group Art Unit 3738
REINFORCED FUSION IMPLANT) Our Ref.: 4002-3424/PC889.00
Tuesday, September 6, 2005

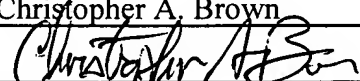
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Amendment
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, please consider the following.

This paper is being submitted on the first business day following the Labor Day holiday. No fees are believed to be due for consideration of this paper, but if any fees are deemed due, or if any extensions of time are deemed to be necessary, please provide such extensions and charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include issue fees.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:			
Typed or printed	Christopher A. Brown		
Signature		Date	Tuesday, September 6, 2005